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SUBJECT: NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE WITH SPAIN

1. DURING JANUARY'S JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE MEETING
ASSISTANT SECRETARY KATZ SUGGESTED TO SPANISH DELEGATION
CHIEF GAMIR THAT BOTH THE US AND SPAIN COULD BENEFIT BY
CLOSER CONSULTATIONS ON THE VARIOUS NORTH/SOUTH ISSUES.
GAMIR AGREED AND SAID HE WOULD SEND HIS DEPUTY TO WASHING-
TON. EMBASSY HAS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS REMINDED SPANISH
OF THIS COMMITMENT. THE AMBASSADOR RAISED THE MATTER
DURING THE RECENT MEETING OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES.

2. TOMAS CHAVARRI, SUBDIRECTOR GENERAL FOR MULTILATERAL
ECONOMIC RELATIONS AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE, IS NOW READY TO
GO TO WASHINGTON TO BEGIN THE CONSULTATIVE PROCESS. HE
SUGGESTS MAY 17 AND 18, IF THAT FITS IN WITH MR. KATZ'S
SCHEDULE.

3. SPANISH HAVE IN MIND AN INTRODUCTORY CALL ON THE ASST
SECRETARY FOR A GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE STATE OF PLAY
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ON THE MAJOR NORTH/SOUTH ISSUES. CHAVARRI WOULD ALSO
COME PREPARED FOR A SERIES OF DETAILED MEETINGS ON
SPECIFIC SUBJECTS.

4. EMBASSY SUGGESTED TO CHAVARRI HE IDENTIFY IN ADVANCE
THOSE SUBJECTS WHICH SPAIN WISHED TO CONSIDER FOR POSSIBLE
US-SPANISH COOPERATION. IN THIS WAY THE INDIVIDUAL MEET-

INGS COULD BE MORE PRODUCTIVE. CHAVARRI REPLIED THAT SPAIN PREFERRED TO LET THE US SET THE AGENDA AND WOULD RESPOND TO ANY PROPOSALS WE MIGHT MAKE. HE SAID THAT SPAIN WANTS TO BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE, WITHIN THE CONSTRAINTS OF THEIR DESIRE TO KEEP ONE FOOT IN BOTH THE LDC AND THE INDUSTRIAL CAMPS FOR THE ECONOMIC ADVANTAGE THAT IT GIVES THEM ON MANY TRADE MATTERS.

5. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF MAY 17-18 DATES ARE ACCEPTABLE, OR SUGGESTIONS FOR ALTERNATIVES. CHAVARRI ASKS THAT HIS SCHEDULE BE CHECKED WITH SPANISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. HE SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH. STABLER

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